

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A lectern comprising:

- a) a base;
- b) a vertically movable column defining a lower end attached to the base and an upper end spaced above the lower end; and
- 5 c) a support member attached to the upper end of the column and vertically movable with the column so as to adjust the elevation of the support member.

2. The lectern of claim 1, wherein the vertically movable column includes a vertical adjustment mechanism disposed within the column, wherein the vertical adjustment mechanism includes a stationary member interconnected with the base and an extendible and retractable member interconnected with the support member.

3. The lectern of claim 1, wherein the vertical adjustment mechanism comprises a linear actuator assembly, wherein the stationary member comprises a tubular member interconnected with the base and wherein the extendible and retractable member comprises a threaded member interconnected with the support member and engaged with a mating 5 threaded member secured to the tubular member.

4. The lectern of claim 3, further comprising a motor carried by the support member, wherein the motor is drivingly engaged with the threaded member to impart rotation to the threaded member to selectively raise and lower the support member.

5. The lectern of claim 1, wherein the vertically movable column includes at least one telescoping leg member having a first section secured to the base and a second section secured to the support member.

6. The lectern of claim 5, wherein the vertically movable column further includes a cover arrangement configured to conceal the at least one telescoping leg.

7. The lectern of claim 6, wherein support member defines an interior, and wherein the cover arrangement includes a first, fixed length cover member that extends upwardly from the base and a second cover member defined by a pair of cover member sections, wherein an upper end defined by the first cover member is received within the interior of the support member such that support member moves relative to the upper end of the support member upon vertical adjustment of the column, and wherein the cover member sections of the second cover member collapse and extend relative to each other upon vertical adjustment of the column.

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8. The lectern of claim 7, wherein the vertically movable column includes a pair of transversely spaced telescoping legs, and wherein the first cover member extends between the pair of legs on one side of the lectern and wherein the second cover member extends between the legs on an opposite side of the cover member.

9. The lectern of claim 7, wherein the support member includes an opening providing access to the interior of the support member, and further comprising a keyboard support located in the interior of the support member, wherein the keyboard support is movable between a retracted position within the interior of the support member and an extended position in which the keyboard support is moved outwardly of the interior of the support member.

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10. A lectern comprising:

- a) a base;
- b) a column attached to the base; and
- c) a support member attached to the column opposite the base, the support member including a recess adapted to receive an electronic device.

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11. The lectern of claim 10, wherein the column is vertically extendable.

12. The lectern of claim 10, wherein the support member includes an upper wall and wherein the recess extends inwardly from the upper wall, and further comprising a pair of panels movably engaged with the upper wall for movement between a closed position in

which the panels overlie the recess and an open position in which the panels expose the  
5 recess.

13. The lectern of claim 10, further comprising one or more power and communication connection members associated with the lectern for providing power and communication capability to a device supported by the support member.

14. The lectern of claim 13, wherein the support member includes a well located adjacent the recess for receiving one or more cables or wires extending from the electronic device, and wherein at least one of the power and communication connection members is located in the well.

15. The lectern of claim 10, wherein the support member defines an interior located below the recess an opening providing access to the interior, and wherein the support member further includes a keyboard support member located in the interior of the support member, wherein the keyboard support member is movable through the opening to an  
5 extended position in which the keyboard support member is moved outwardly of the interior of the support member to provide access to a keyboard supported by the keyboard support member.

16. A lectern, comprising:

a base;

an adjustable height column defining a lower end interconnected with the base and an upper end spaced above the lower end; and

5 a support member defining an interior, wherein the support member is secured to the upper end of the adjustable height column.

17. The lectern of claim 16, wherein the adjustable height column includes a telescoping leg arrangement.

18. The lectern of claim 17, further comprising an extendible and retractable actuator assembly interconnected between the base and the support member for adjusting the elevation of the support member relative to the base, wherein operation of the actuator assembly causes extension and retraction of the telescoping leg arrangement.
19. The lectern of claim 18, further comprising a cover arrangement including a first, fixed height cover section that extends upwardly from the base and into the interior of the support member, and a second, collapsible cover section that extends between the support member and the base.
20. The lectern of claim 19, wherein the telescoping leg arrangement includes a pair of transversely spaced telescoping legs, wherein the first cover section extends between the pair of legs on one side of the lectern and wherein the second cover section extends between the legs on the opposite side of the lectern.
21. The lectern of claim 16, wherein the support member includes an opening providing access to the interior of the support member, and further comprising a keyboard support member located within the interior of the support member and movable to an extended position through the opening to provide access to a keyboard supported by the keyboard support member.
22. The lectern of claim 16, wherein the support member includes an upper wall defining an upwardly facing recess, and further comprising a pair of panels engaged with the upper wall and movable between an open position providing access to the recess and a closed position preventing access to the recess.
23. The lectern of claim 16, wherein the support member includes an upper wall defining a support surface, and further comprising a well extending inwardly from the upper wall, wherein the well is configured to receive wires or cables associated with equipment adapted to be supported by the upper wall.

24. The lectern of claim 23, further comprising a power supply member located in the well for providing a power connection to the wires or cables received within the well.